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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment adds new claims 41-44. New claim 41 is directed to the film of claim 1, wherein the film does not contain a plasticizer. Support for claim 15 can be found in throughout the specification and in particular at page 15, last paragraph. New claim 42 is directed to the film of claim 1 consisting of kappa-2 carrageenan, flavorant and water. New claim 43 is directed to the film of claim 42, wherein the flavorant is corn syrup. Support for claims 42 and 43 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 19, first full paragraph. New claim 44 is directed to a soft capsule comprising the film of claim 42 encapsulating a fill material. Support for claim 44 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 25, third paragraph and page 26, first full paragraph. No new matter has been added.

An early and favorable Office Action is requested.

A check in the amount of 72.00 for additional claim fees is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, that may associated with this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

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